



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
A National Teaching School

May 14th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday evening the Prime Minister outlined his initial plan to move our country back to some level of normality. Yesterday evening the Department for Education published guidance for schools. The links to these documents are included for you below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

We have been asked that, potentially as early as June, Secondary schools provide some level of face to face support for Year 10 on a part time basis with small class sizes to allow for social distancing. The guidance outlines to parents and staff the rationale behind the plan.

Over the coming days we will explore how this can be facilitated so that Year 10 pupils can receive some in school provision, if and when the government allow. This will be a different timetable and school day structure to what we have been used to.

The in-school experience will also be different to minimise risks. We will refine our planning to facilitate this and communicate as soon as we can so that Year 10 parents and pupils have time to prepare for any return on a staggered basis.

I know I can count on your patience and support as we tackle this challenging process. It has **not** been confirmed that Year 10 pupils will return the week commencing June 1st. With Government advice and LA Support, we will do what its right for your children and the school community when asked to do so.

School will continue to remain open for pupils of parents who have evidence of being Key Workers. This is an option if you have **no other choice** but to send your child into school. Please can I ask that you provide as much notice as possible. We continue to insist on the highest standards of behaviour for pupils when they are in school.

I will continue to update you on our on-going plans in school. Thank you for your kind words of support during this difficult time. Our priority currently remains the safety and well-being of every member of our school community.

Please stay safe and well, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Byrne
Headteacher

Amazing things happen here

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